5. (Amended) An agent according to claim 2 in which the linker group is selected from an optionally substituted methylene chain, or $-(CH_2)_m-Y-(CH_2)_n-$ wherein Y is selected from -O-, -S-, -S(O)-, $-SO_2-$, -NH-, -Nalkyl-, -CO-, -OC(O)-, -NHC(O)-, -N(alkyl)C(O)-, -NHC(O)NH-, -NalkylC(O)NH-, NalkylC(O)Nalkyl-, $-NHSO_2-$, $-NalkylSO_2-$, $-NHSO_2NH-$, $-NalkylSO_2NH-$, $-NalkylSO_2Nalkyl-$ and -OC(O)O-, m is 0-3 and n is 0-3.

6. (Amended) An agent according to claim 2 in which the nitric oxide synthase inhibitor moiety is selected from a group derived from an amino acid inhibitor of nitric oxide synthase a thiocitrulline derivative, an S-alkylisothiourea derivative or 2-aminopyridine derivative.

Please add the following new claims:

19. (New) An agent according to claim 3 in which the linker group X is a bond.

20. (New) An agent according to claim 3 in which the linker group is selected from an optionally substituted methylene chain, or $-(CH_2)_m-Y-(CH_2)_n-$ wherein Y is selected from -O-, -S-, -S(O)-, $-SO_2-$, -NH-, -Nalkyl-, -CO-, -OC(O)-, -NHC(O)-, -N(alkyl)C(O)-, -NHC(O)NH-, -NalkylC(O)NH-, NalkylC(O)Nalkyl-, $-NHSO_2-$, $-NalkylSO_2-$, $-NHSO_2NH-$, $-NalkylSO_2NH-$, $-NalkylSO_2Nalkyl-$ and -OC(O)O-, m is 0-3 and n is 0-3.